

Churches of Nation Asked to Observe December 24 as 'World Peace Sunday'

Twenty-Seven Countries Will Observe Day for Peace Next Sunday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Demanding that the governments of the world find other ways to settle disputes than by war, the Federal Council of Churches today issued a Christmas call to 100,000 congregations to observe December 24 as World Peace Sunday. The message asks for concerted action not only at Christmas but also for persistent effort during the year towards the attainment of an eventually warless world through international cooperation.

Christians in twenty-seven countries of the world will observe World Peace Sunday. This was urged upon at the Conference of the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches in Copenhagen last summer. The call of the Federal Council of Churches is signed by Dr. Robert E. Speer, its president, Dr. John H. Finley, chairman of its commission on International Justice and Goodwill and Bishop Charles H. Brent, vice-chairman of the Commission. Bishop Brent was chief chaplain of the A. E. F. during the war.

The message is as follows: "In accordance with the proposal of the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches that Christmas Sunday be recognized in all nations as World Peace Sunday, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America urges all churches throughout our country to cooperate in this world wide observance. When can we more appropriately voice our appeal for peace than at the celebration of the coming into the world of Him whom we hail as the Prince of Peace? Especially in a year when we are still haunted by the memory of ten millions young men who laid down their lives in the last war; when famine and want still stalk in its wake; when we are seeking to control the foreign policies of nations; when rival armaments and threats of war tragically harass the peoples of Europe it would seem to be the clear obligation of every church that bears the name of Christ to raise its voice unequivocally against the whole war system and to demand that the governments of the world find other ways of settling every dispute which may arise. Other ways can and will be found if the Christian people of the world urgently and persistently demand it. By a concerted appeal at Christmas time, followed by a persistent effort during the year we may bear effective witness to our conviction that war can be outlawed by the building up of international agencies for the preservation of peace and the development of a community life among the nations. Most of all at this Christmas tide let us proclaim our unshaken faith that a great increase in the spirit of trust and brotherhood and goodwill and that alone will make world peace a permanent reality. The task of getting rid of war and securing peace requires international organization but it requires more. The trouble in our present international life is a spiritual trouble—the attitude of selfishness, of fear, of suspicion, among men in organized groups. So the remedy must be a spiritual one, the acceptance of a way of life not yet generally accepted in economic and international affairs—the way of brotherhood of friendly cooperation and of love, revealed to us in Him whose life we now commemorate."

SHINNSTON

Organize Club.

A meeting was held at the Core School last Friday night to organize a community club. The following officers were elected: George D. Brent, president; Jess Willis, vice-president; Mrs. George D. Brent, secretary and treasurer. Interesting talks were made by R. H. Gist, county agent, and Mrs. May Seese, secretary of the organization. Miss Ida Stockert and Martha Thompson, home demonstration agents, also gave interesting talks.

Baptist Convention.

The Baptist Young People's county convention convened in the Baptist Church yesterday. The second session was held today.

Shinnston Wins.

The Shinnston High School basketball team triumphed over the team of the Central Christian Church of Clarksburg by a score of 15-14. Crawford was the outstanding star, making all of Shinnston's points.

Personals.

Miss Harriett Martin spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Fisher, and Mr. Fisher of Clarksburg.

The Misses Margaret Higginbotham, Estelle Randall and Chaeo Martin were shopping in Clarksburg Saturday.

Mrs. F. C. Wilson and daughter Josephine of Shinnston were shopping in Clarksburg Saturday.

Miss Hazel Meredith and brother Paul visited Opal Wilfong of Clarksburg over the week-end.

Miss Rhoda Bice was a shopper in Shinnston Friday.

Mrs. C. W. Tarleton and daughter Gertrude and Miss Genevieve O'Connor were shopping in Fairmont Saturday.

Miss Helen Bice is ill with tonsillitis at her home at Gypsy.

Mrs. Homer Nicholas and daughter Virginia visited relatives at Shinnston this week-end.

Mrs. G. R. Martin was shopping in Shinnston Friday.

Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. May Seese and Mrs. E. E. Righter of Saltwell

FLUCTUATIONS OF GERMANY'S MARK CAUSING MISERY

Success in Foreign Trade of Country Declared Due to Cheap Currency.

By MILTON BRONNER
We are fairly sure our dollar; BERLIN, Dec. 19.—In America nobody in Germany is sure about the mark.

The dollar may not buy as much mark today as it did yesterday—sometimes not as much as an hour before. If the dollar is an ace in the world's financial deck of cards, the German mark is the deuce. Nobody wants it if he can get his hands on some other major coinage. That is why the German government had to prohibit Germans buying American and English and Dutch money.

The fact that the mark rises and falls, but mostly falls, upsets all German business. Neither the government nor the people know where they stand from day to day. Throughout Germany there is generally a very anxious desire for stabilization of the mark.

First—on the part of the shopkeepers who buy and sell mainly in Germany.

Second—on the part of the middle class whose salaries put them near the starvation line.

Third—on the part of the workmen, who even with their unions and their increased wages, find it hard to make both ends meet.

The feeling of the German government, from President Ebert down, is mixed.

When the falling value of the mark compels it to pay more to all its employees, and more pensions to the insured old people and to the disabled soldiers, the government would like to see a stabilized mark.

But the government has issued billion of even cheaper paper marks.

Sudden stabilization at a fairly high value would vastly increase the burdens of the government so far as deflation and interest payments were concerned.

And one hears it openly charged that the great captains of industry do not want a stabilized mark because they sell quantities of goods abroad. As an economist explained to me:

"The thing that is keeping many German industries going today is foreign trade. We are keeping that trade because we can undersell our competitors. We do so by reason of the fact that our competitors pay their workmen in dear currency and we pay in cheap currency."

If the mark were stabilized, our factories could not offer buyers of goods prices so much lower than others as to justify using German goods."

And the same thing has been charged in "Die Bank," one of the leading financial monthlies in Germany. Its editor, Dr. Alfred Lansburg, discussed the agreement between Hugo Stinnes and Marquis de Lubersac, and other similar arrangements between Germans and Frenchmen whereby Germans are to supply the materials for the rebuilding of ravaged northern France.

"The agreement sets a premium upon all efforts made to depress the mark and send up the franc," says Lansburg.

There is still another reason why big German industrialists oppose a speedy stabilization of the mark. Many of them have borrowed billions in cheap marks; they pay the interest in cheap marks. If the mark were stabilized and thereby increased in value, automatically the real debt of the big industrialists and the interest they would have to pay would be increased.

On the other hand and to complete the picture, it is but fair to say that owners of German factories which are mainly engaged in supplying home demands, claim the falling mark is ruining them.

Many Chinese mothers dress their boy babies as girls in the hope of fooling the evil spirit.

Bryan as Mason



Here is William Jennings Bryan leading in prayer at the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$300,000 Scottish Rite Masonic Cathedral in Miami, Fla.

PRICE FIXING CHARGED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Pacific States Paper Trade Association, its officers and members were cited in a Federal Trade Commission complaint issued today which averred that, by concerted agreement and adherence of members of local associations, a schedule of prices was maintained, and that certain dealers and channels of trade were arbitrarily designated "legitimate" or "illegitimate."

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REID'S ILLNESS BRINGS DEMAND FOR DRUG PROBE

Motion Picture Actor Reported Better Today—Influenza Feared.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Reports available early today from the sanitarium where Wallace Reid, motion picture actor, is suffering from a break-down which relatives ascribed to complications which came after he broke away from the use of whiskey and narcotics, indicated an improvement in his condition.

Reid's physicians said the actor's temperature was nearly normal and that his pulse had dropped from 130 to 112. They added Reid was able to take a little nourishment.

The physicians said Reid's decline followed his abandonment of the use of drugs and liquor but the specific ailment which threatened his life was influenza.

If the actor failed to recover, it was added influenza would be the cause.

The Methodist Preachers' Association of Southern California planned to ask the city council today to appoint a committee of men and women to make a thorough investigation of the use of habit-forming drugs in Los Angeles.

It adopted a resolution in which it was stated:

"It is persistently rumored the names of some of the biggest producers and actors in Southern California are linked with his (Reid's) plight. In all this the city has suffered irreparably. The cinema industry has suffered. These conditions either obtain or they do not obtain. These stories are either

false or true. The cinema industry is either infested with an immoral element that threatens the industry, good morals and decency in our city and nation and this city's good name, or else it has been and is being maligned and slandered in an unthinkable manner."

The association asked the appointment of a commission with power and authority to summon witnesses, administer oaths and

take evidence to the end that the truth may be known." and requested that the Ministerial Union and the Church Federation take similar action.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—Reorganization of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Co. was approved today by the Public Service Commission. The new name of the road is Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Co.

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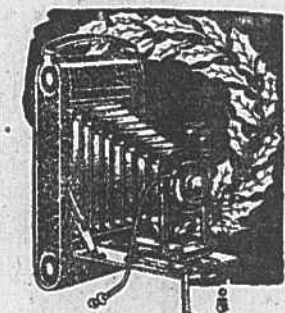
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